



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5342
Chamber of Commerce of the United States
(a/k/a U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
National Beer Wholesalers Association, Inc.
Business-Industry Political Action
Committee (a/k/a BIPAC Action Fund)
and Allan D. Cors, as treasurer
BIPAC's Institute for Political Analysis

Dear Mr. Baran:

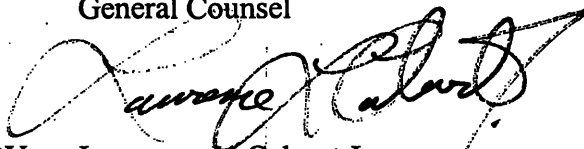
On January 3, 2003, the Federal Election Commission notified the Chamber of Commerce of the United States (a/k/a U.S. Chamber of Commerce), the National Beer Wholesalers Association, Inc., the Business-Industry Political Action Committee (a/k/a BIPAC Action Fund) and Allan D. Cors, as treasurer, your clients, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On June 3, 2003, the Commission notified you that the complaint also alleged violations of the Act by BIPAC's Institute for Political Analysis. On February 26, 2004, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe that any of your above-named clients violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Andersen, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.", is written over the typed name of the Deputy Associate General Counsel.

BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.
Deputy Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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